

Lunken Airport Oversight Advisory Board

December 10, 2001

Board Members present:

Rob Rubin, Chairperson
Steve Shaw, Vice-Chairperson
Krissi Barr
Mike Conaton
Scot Conover
Tom Edwards
Mike Lacinak
Joe Llamas
Eric Partee

North Community Representative
East Community Representative
At-Large Representative
Corporate User Representative
West Community Representative
Fixed Base User Representative
South Community Representative
Private User Representative
Recreational/Environmental Representative

City Staff present:

John Deatrick
Steve Fagel
Bob Vickrey
Bob Wessel
Elaine Luchi

Director of Transportation & Engineering
Assistant City Solicitor
Senior Engineer
Noise Compatibility Planner
Administrative Technician

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m.

Review and Approval of November 12, 2001 Minutes

Mr. Conaton moved to approve the November minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed with none opposed.

Board Chair Selection for 2002

Mr. Rubin opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Conaton presented a motion to re-elect Mr. Rubin as Chairperson. The motion was seconded and, with Mr. Rubin abstaining, passed with none opposed. Mr. Rubin accepted the position for one additional term, and he moved that Mr. Shaw remain Vice-Chairman. This motion was seconded and, with Mr. Shaw abstaining, passed with none opposed.

Community Representative Meeting Report

The meeting was described as well-organized and well-attended. Mr. Conover reported that a series of correspondence with the Mayor regarding the ongoing pavement analysis contributed to a negative atmosphere. He expressed his hope that future meetings take a more positive tone.

Master Plan Update

Mr. Rubin asked to go out of order to report on a meeting with Mr. Deatrick the previous week. Mr. Deatrick stated that the City will not pursue scheduled passenger service and will not seek recertification of weight-bearing capacity until a Master Plan Update is initiated and complete.

The Part 150 Noise Study will proceed as planned and Mr. Deatrick also hopes to move forward with a Business Plan. He is optimistic that the Airport will receive FAA grant money for the Master Plan, and the City may be willing to fund the update initially if they receive a guarantee that the money spent will count toward the local match.

The Board voted unanimously to draft a resolution concerning the initiation and completion of a Master Plan revision before any action on scheduled passenger service or recertification of runway weight-bearing capacity is pursued. Mr. Rubin will draft the language and circulate it for discussion.

A Master Plan working group will be created, possibly in the January meeting.

Mayor's Letters to Columbia Tuscolum

As this subject was touched on during the Community Representative Meeting Report, and in light of the announcement that the increased weight-bearing capacity is currently on hold, the Board moved to the next agenda item.

LAOAB Annual Report to Mayor and Council

Mr. Rubin will circulate a report for discussion at a future meeting.

Airport Capital Improvement Program Items

Mr. Robert Roark will give a presentation at the January meeting. Mr. Vickrey has a revised draft to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Lunken Neighborhood Coalition Resolution

The Lunken Neighborhood Coalition sent a communication to the Board dated December 5, 2001 which included a memo with an attached resolution. The LAOAB welcomes the LNC's input and will address many of these issues in its resolution to City Council.

Part 139 Working Group Report

This working group will focus on safety issues rather than the implications of Full Part 139 Certification for scheduled service. It was agreed that the group should include a corporate user. Mr. Llamas will try to identify an interested operator.

Part 150 Working Group Report

Mr. Lacinak distributed a draft report. He spoke briefly on the following highlights:

- The group has made good progress.
- The group should remain throughout the Part 150 Study.
- The draft report contains a series of questions to the consultant. Their answers are not necessarily the final word, but rather a discussion piece.
- An update to the Master Plan is important.
- Is there enough community input?

H.C. Nutting Working Group

The need for the working group has been deferred for the foreseeable future. Those members may want to volunteer for the Master Plan working group.

Public Question and Answer Period

The Lunken Neighborhood Coalition believes the Community Meetings to be very beneficial. They have offered their assistance in arranging the next meeting in the Fairfax area in the spring of 2002. Although some issues raised in their December 5, 2001 correspondence to the LAOAB have been addressed, they asked for consideration of those items which are still pertinent.

Mr. Dickten's resignation was requested based on the following:

- Initiating a pavement analysis that could indicate an increased weight-bearing capacity.
- Renovations made to the North Terminal Wing.
- Discussions relative to hotel development.
- Eviction of tenants to accommodate scheduled service.
- ACIP submitted with items opposed by LAOAB.
- Letter from the Mayor regarding the pavement analysis.

Mr. Rubin explained that the Board cannot take a position on this matter, however all citizens have the right to contact City Administration with their concerns.

The Board was asked to address the relocation of Taxiway C (as called for in the current Master Plan) in their resolution. Mr. Vickrey explained that the funding request is for taxiway rehabilitation, rather than relocation. In addition, the amount of money requested would not be enough for relocation.

It has not been decided if the Airport will move forward with the eight-foot decorative fence behind the Terminal Building.

The Control Tower is not permitted to provide the flight plan information as they had in the past. However, this information was mainly for Instrument Flight Rules take-offs and did not reflect many of Lunken's operations. Airscene will provide more comprehensive information including training flights.

There was some discussion of the Runway Protection Zones and violations recently identified by the FAA. The area used by the Farmer's Market will be reconfigured to comply with the RPZ. The City is exploring a range of alternatives to address the Hangar 3 issue.

Mr. Llamas moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.